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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary change between Fifteenth Army and First Army: East boundary RHEIN PROVINZ from vicinity L9091 north to vicinity LIPPE G2234 (excl to both armies).

Boundary change between Fifteenth Army and Ninth Army: East boundary RHEIN PROVINZ from vicinity LIPPE G2234 (to Ninth Army) north to junction with 12th Army Group-21 Army Group boundary vicinity A3253.

Boundary between I French Corps and II French Corps: As before to SIGMARINGEN X1143 (to I Fr Corps) - thence along the DONAU River to EHINGEN X4766 (all to II Fr Corps).

Boundary between I French Corps and 9th Colonial Division: Beginning at the intersection of the RHINE River and the boundary between I French Corps and II French Corps vicinity R3340 thence along the RHINE River to MARLEN W0691 - OFFENBURG W1685 - ZELL W2472 - OBR. HARMERSBACH W3075 (all to 9th Col Div) - WOLFACH W3666 (to I Fr Corps) - TRIBERG W3748 - FURTWANGEN W3539 (both to 9th Col Div) - NEUSTADT W3623 - SCHLUCH SEE W3313 (both to I Fr Corps) - ST. BLASIEN W3007 - B3088 (both to 9th Col Div).

Boundary change between XIX and XIII Corps (effective 261800B): MEIBORSSSEN C1169 - POLLE C1568 - GOLMBACH C2468 - NEGENBORN C2467 - ESCHERSHAUSEN C3071 - ALFELD C4378 (all to XIX Corps) - SIBBESSE C4886 (to XIII Corps) - BREINUM C5584 - GR. DUNGEN C5791 - SCHELLURTEN X6101 - BETTMAR X7709 (all to XIX Corps) - WANLE X7911 - WENDEBURG X8118 - then along autobahn to BARMKE Y1913 - WOLFRSTEDT Y6612 - CR Y6912 - BURG Y8115 - ZIESAR Z1017 (all to XIII Corps).

Boundary change between XVI Corps and XIX Corps (effective 261800B): CARLSHAFEN C1939 (excl to both corps) - then north along the west boundary of the Province of HANNOVER to MEIBORSSSEN C1169 (to XIX Corps).

Boundary change between XVI Corps and XIII Corps (effective 261800B): From MEIBORSSSEN C1169 (excl to both corps) - then north along the west boundary of the Province of HANNOVER to the boundary between 12th and 21 Army Groups vicinity X0223.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (251200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. (Army Troops). 14th French Division. No change. 9th Colonial Division. (With 81st Inf atchd). Advanced up to twelve miles south on a nine-mile front. On the left flank, the advance was delayed by considerable demolitions and abattis. HOLLSTEIN B0193, WIESLET B0599 and ST. PETER W2235 were occupied against strong resistance. Units occupied LORRACH A9591 and reached the Swiss international boundary in the vicinity of the town. Front line change: A9591 - A9793 - B0193 - B0599 - W2235.

I French Corps. 4th French Mountain Division. (With 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Units advanced east into the BLACK FOREST seven miles on a four-mile front. Local engagements were fought in the approaches to the BLACK FOREST in the vicinities of W5936, W5822 and W6131. Front line change: W3755 - TRIBERG W3748. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" occupied AULENDORF X4230 and ALTSHEN X3528. Units met opposition in the vicinity of W9718. Combat Command "5" continued movement to rejoin the division and reached the vicinity of SIGMARINGEN X1143 after having advanced through the enemy pocket to the north of the town. Front line change: X4230 - X4530. 1st French Armored Division. (With

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2d Choc Gp atchd). Units entered ULM X6781 with troops of Seventh Army. On the right flank, units of the division occupied SCHWENDI X6756 and GUTENZELL X6849. Front line change: X6849 - X6756.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Occupied MAGERKINGEN X1066, HERMANNSTADT X0064, FROHNSTETTEN X0150, WINTERLINGEN X0354, HAUSEN W9967 and BURG HOHENZOLLERN W9170. The DONAU River was reached along the line THIERGARTEN X0144 to SIGMARINGEN X1143. Front line change: W9170 - W9967 - X0064 - X0354 - X0150 - X0144 - X1143 - X1066.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 36th Division. No change. 101st Airborne Division. Continued movement to a division assembly area in the vicinity of S2890.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Continued movement to an assembly area south and east of STUTTGART S0423. 103d Division. Units advanced up to eight miles south on a seven-mile front. MUNSINGEN X3080 and WITTLINGEN X2687 were occupied. Front line change: X1789 - X1881 - X2179 - X2682 - X3080. 44th Division. Captured ULM X6781 in conjunction with units of the 1st French Armored Division and the 10th Armored Division. The 71st Infantry crossed the ILLER River in the vicinity of X7461 and captured ILLERTISSEN X7661. Another crossing of the river was made in the vicinity of X7366. On the left, SCHARENSTETTEN X5793 and DORNSTADT X6487 were captured by the 114th Infantry. Front line change: X7660 - X7566 - X7074 - X6487 - X5793. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" assisted the 44th Division in the occupation of ULM X6781. Combat Command "B" reached the ILLER River in the area X7554. Front line change: X7554.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Gained up to thirteen miles south on a fourteen-mile front. Front line change: S6006 - S6305 - GERSTETTEN S6805 - S7601 - X7896 - X8298. 4th Division. Units entered GUNDELFINGEN X9498 and advanced two to four miles east on a five-mile front. Front line change: X8899 - X9097 - X9092. 12th Armored Division. Units of Combat Command "A" advanced four miles southeast on a three-mile front. Front line change: X9385 - X9585 - X9884. 3d Division. Units made a slight advance east to the area X1798. Front line change: X1798.

XV Corps. 42d Division. Captured GUTZENHEIM T2224 during an advance of up to fifteen miles south on a nine-mile front. Front line change: T1926 - T2717 - T3120. 45th Division. Captured MONHEIM T2832 and advanced four to five miles south on a six-mile front. Front line change: T3528 - T3729 - T4530. 20th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of T1043. 106th Cavalry Group. Operated in the vicinities of T3234, T3231 and T4529.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. No change.

XII British Corps. Guards Armored Division. Advanced up to four miles west on an eight-mile front against light to moderate opposition. OLDENDF. S0221 was captured and mopping up continued in BADENSTEDT R9821. The woods in the vicinity of R9922 remained to be captured. Advanced units reached the areas R9234 and R9936. Front line change: R9831 - R9929 - S0127 - S0226 - S0223 - R9922 - R9821 - S0519. 53d Division. Gained up to two miles west on a seven-mile front. WEHLDOF S0316 was occupied. Front line change: S0416 - S0415 - S0315 - S0807 - S0706.

XXX Corps. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde and 154th Bde atchd). The 130th Brigade attacked west and reached the line W8098 - W8099. The 129th Brigade passed through the 130th Brigade and advanced to R7901. On the right flank, the 214th Brigade advanced up to one mile north. Opposition was negligible to light. Front line change: R9300 - R9100 - W8098 - W8099 - W7901 - W7800. 52d Division. Continued fighting in the southern portions of BREMEN W7498 against moderate resistance. Front line change: W7498 - W7398 - W7298 - W7297. 3d Division. (With 378th US Inf atchd). Units advanced one mile north on a two-mile front and reached an airfield in the vicinity of W7095 where fighting took place. Advance units reached the southern edge of BREMEN W7498. Front line change: W7396 - W7097 - W6997.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. 5th Canadian Brigade attacked northwest from the vicinity of DELMENHORST W6095 and gained two miles. The 4th Canadian Brigade advanced up to two miles north. Front line change: W5697 - W4897. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Gained one mile north on a three-mile front in an attempt to break out of its bridgehead over the KUSTEN Canal which was stubbornly resisted by the enemy. Front line change: R1703 - R1604 - R1403 - R1304. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced up to three miles north along the west bank of the EMS River on a five-mile front. Reconnaissance units were held up in the area Q7521 by cratered roads. Front line change: Q7716 - Q7619 - Q6818. 5th Canadian Armored Division. (With 31st AA Bde attached). Advanced up to two miles north on a seven-mile front. The 31st Anti Aircraft Brigade was attached and has been committed as Infantry. Front line change: Q5518 - Q5318 - Q4622 - Q4421.

I Canadian Corps. The Netherlands District was placed under corps command. 1st Canadian Division. Units mopped up enemy pockets in the vicinity of Z3800 and E3899. Other units reached the EEM River in the vicinities of E4099 and E3999 where bridges over the river were found to be destroyed. Front line change: Z3800 - E3999. 49th Division. Repulsed an enemy counterattack in the vicinity of E4988 and inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking enemy. Royal Netherlands Brigade. Repulsed an enemy attack in the vicinity of HEDEL E2952. Units north of the MAAS River were being withdrawn. 1st Czechoslovakian Armored Brigade Group. Commenced movement to Czechoslovakia under command of the 12th Army Group.

AIR. (25 Apr). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 589 bombers against the PILSEN-SKODA Armament Works and an airfield, both at PILSEN L1643, and marshalling yards at SALZBURG Z9726, HALLEIN VO211 and BAD REICHENHALL Z8516. 1,132.5 tons of general purpose, 214.8 tons of incendiary and 38.5 tons of fragmentation bombs were dropped on assigned targets. 11 bombers were lost. 422 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. 1 aircraft was lost. 98 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the RAF while 19 fighter aircraft sortied on fighter sweeps. 1 aircraft was lost. Claims included 2 enemy aircraft. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 296 bombers against an airfield in the vicinity of ERDING Z0977 and other targets. The Tactical Air Commands flew 758 sorties. 9 fighter aircraft were lost while claims included 2 enemy aircraft in the air and 53 enemy aircraft on the ground.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Scattered low clouds. Visibility: 3 - 4 miles at dawn, except in local fog where limited to 1 mile, becoming 5 - 7 miles by 1200B. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 58° F. Minimum 38° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance on the army front was scattered. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). No change. 70th Division. No change. 80th Division. Relieved from SHAEF reserve at 252400B. 4th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BAYREUTH 07556. 16th Armored Division. Continued movement to the army zone.

III Corps. 86th Division. Advanced southeast on a nine-mile front and gained up to thirteen miles. The 342d Infantry cleared the enemy from WETTSTETTEN T6931. The 343d Infantry assembled in the vicinity of T4744. Front line change: T5632 - T6034 - INGOLSTADT T7125 - T6931 - T6741 - T6642. 14th Armored Division. Elements of Combat Command "R" were in the vicinity of T6036 and T6541. Combat Command "B" was in the vicinity of T7552. 99th Division. Advanced southeast up to seven miles on an eleven-mile front. The 394th Infantry cleared the enemy from DIETFURT T8155. The 393d Infantry assembled in the vicinity of HERRNSBERG T6559. Front line change: KIPPENBERG T6745 - IRLAHULL T6948 - T7349 - T7449 - T8049 - T8450 - T8155 - RAITENBUCH T7660. 14th Cavalry Group. The 18th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron advanced southeast up to two miles and cleared the enemy from WALDDORF U0146 and KELHEIM U0243. Front line change: T9453 - T9852 - U0146 - U0243.

XX Corps. 13th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of VELBURG T8677. 65th Division. Mopped up behind the 3d Cavalry Group and

reached the line of the DONAU River between KELHEIM U0243 and RIEGLING U1353. The 261st and 260th Infantry Regiments crossed the river on a six-mile front and gained up to three miles. The 259th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of U0750. Front line change: U1143 - U1517 - U1650. 3d Cavalry Group. Units assembled in the vicinity of U0153 - U1668. 71st Division. Advanced southeast on an eleven-mile front and gained up to twelve miles. Units crossed the DONAU River on a six-mile front. Front line change: U1856 - U2057 - U2257 - U2454 - U2756 - ALTACH U3454 - U3456 - U3457 - U2960 - U2662 - U2667 - U3071.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Advanced southeast up to seventeen miles on a twelve-mile front. The 328th Infantry cleared the enemy from FALKENSTEIN U4666, STEINACH U5651 and ZEITLDORN U4851. Front line change: U3769 - U4066 - U4362 - U4851 - U5651 - U5854 - U6155 - U6751 - U6659. 11th Armored Division. Advanced southeast on a seven-mile front and gained up to fourteen miles. Combat Command "A" cleared the enemy from GRAFENAU Q1444. Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of U9854. Front line change: Q2133 - Q1813 - Q1444. 90th Division. Advanced east up to nine miles on a twenty-six mile front. Front line change: U5982 - U5291 - U5594 - U5794 - U5798 - P5701 - P5303 - P5204 - P5607 - P5208 - P5211 - P5313 - P5116 - ESLARN P4520. 2d Cavalry Group. Advanced east up to five miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: P4036 - P3542. 97th Division. Advanced east on a nine-mile front and gained up to six miles. The 387th Infantry cleared the enemy from CHEB P3174. Front line change: P3167 and P3174 - P3277 - P2580.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 78th Division and 7th Armored Division. No change:

VIII Corps. No change.

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VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (Less CCA and CCR). Combat Command "B" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of KELBRA D2920. 9th Division. (With CCA and CCR 3d Armored Div atchd). The 39th Infantry relieved Combat Command "A" along the front line. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" were relieved from attachment and reverted to the command of the 3d Armored Division. Combat Command "A" was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of SANGERHAUSEN D4725.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Enroute to the 21 Army Group area.

NINTH ARMY. XIX Corps. 83d Division. (With 113th Cav Gp atchd). Patrols reached STECKBY D9574 and STEUTZ D9873 with no opposition.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. Relieved from corps control and reverted to the 102d Division. The regiment was enroute to the division area. 175th Infantry. Relieved from corps control and reverted to the 29th Division. The regiment was enroute to the division area. 102d Division. (Less 407th Inf). The 407th Infantry Regiment reverted to command of the division. 29th Division. (Less 175th Inf). The 175th Infantry Regiment reverted to command of the division.

XVI Corps. 95th Division. Assumed the responsibility for the eastern portion of the 75th Division area. 75th Division. The 291st Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of B1862. 5th Division. Relieved from attachment to the Ninth Army and reverted to the command of the Third Army. The division was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of BAIBERG O2649. Placed in SHAEF reserve at 252400B.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division (with 422d and 423d RCTs atchd), 106th Division (less 422d and 423d RCTs) and 115th Cavalry Group. All no change.

XXIII Corps. Assumed command of the remaining portion of LAND HESSEN west of the RHINE River and REG BEZ PFALZ (less LANDKREISE BERGZABERN, LAUDAU, GERMERSHEIM and SPEYER). 28th Division. Relieved units in the SAARLAND and completed the occupation of the sector described under XXIII Corps above. The 112th Regimental Combat Team closed in the vicinity of DALSHEIM M3318 and reverted to division

control.

XXII Corps. 82d Airborne Division. Continued preparation for the move to the Ninth Army area. Relieved from all Military Government and Security Missions by the 417th Field Artillery Group at 251200B. 94th Division. Closed east of the RHINE River in the general area DUSSELDORF F3491 - WUPPERTAL F6297.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 252400B).

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Captured</u>	<u>Total</u>
12th Army Group Battle	72,779	294,954	35,578	9,773	413,084
Non-battle					314,554
Total Casualties					727,638

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: XXI Corps AALEN S7329; 3d Division S9040; 42d Division T1934; 44th Division X5972; 45th Division T3437; 103d Division S5505; 9th Colonial Division V8806; 20th Armored Division S8955; 1st French Armored Division LAUPHEIM X5961.

21 Army Group: 51st British Division W5790; 52d British Division W8491.

12th Army Group: XXII Corps HILDEN F4385; 26th Division FALKENSTEIN U4666; 71st Division WENZENBACH U2562; 86th Division GELANDER T4744; 90th Division OBERVIECHTACH P3906; 99th Division GREDING T6455; 102d Division GARDELEGEN Y4842; 4th Armored Division BAYREUTH O7556; 8th Armored Division GOTTINGEN C5328; 11th Armored Division SCHONBERG Q1042; 14th Armored Division EUERWANG T6152.

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